

REMARKS

In the May 6, 2004 Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-10 were pending in the application; rejected claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e); and rejected claims 3 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103. In rejecting the claims, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0023638 to Weight and U.S. Patent 6,647,383 to August et al. (References C and D, respectively) were cited. Claims 1-10 remain in the case. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

The Application

The application is directed to displaying data that has an associated date, so that the relationship between the associated date and the current date is immediately clear to the user. As described on pages 18-23 and illustrated in Figs. 6-13, the disclosed embodiments include attributes that define the background color or different font characteristics, such as bold, italics, upper/lower case, etc.

The Prior Art:

U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0023638 to Weight:

The Weight publication is directed to a system for processing content collected from a content provider and stored in an SQL database. "Each piece of content has associated attributes, such as start date, start time, end time, priority, status, and locale" (paragraph 0056, lines 7-10). The attributes are used to determine "the date and time at which the content should be displayed" (paragraph 0056, lines 13-14) and "the country or geographic region in which the content is to be displayed" (paragraph 0056, last two lines). However, nothing has been found regarding use of the attributes to determine **how** the content is to be displayed.

U.S. Patent 6,647,383 to August et al.

The August et al. patent is directed to a system for providing interactive dialogue and iterative search functions. Dates associated with information accessed by the system are used to "determine if an element is currently relevant" (column 23, line 50) and "to assist in navigating through volumes of material" (column 23, lines 52-53).

Prior Art Rejections

In item 2 on pages 2-3 of the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Independent claims 1 and 5-7 have been amended to clarify that the display

attribute relates to "a predetermined type of font or a predetermined color of background" (e.g., claim 1, lines 3-4) as described on pages 18-23 of the application. As noted above, no suggestion of storing a display attribute for a list display target that determines the type of font or color of background "based on a relationship between the date on which the contents are registered and a current date" (e.g., claim 1, line 5) has been found in Weight. Therefore, it is submitted that claims 1 and 5-7, as well as claims 2, 4, 8 and 10 which depend therefrom patentably distinguish over Weight.

In item 4 on pages 3-4 of the Office Action, claims 3 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Weight in view of August et al. Nothing has been found in August et al. that would suggest to one of ordinary skill in the art modification of the system disclosed by Weight to add a display attribute which determines the type of font or color of background based on the date, as discussed above. Since claims 3 and 9 depend from claims 1 and 7, respectively, it is submitted that all of the claims patentably distinguish over the combination of Weight in view of August et al.

Summary

It is submitted that the references cited by the Examiner, taken individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest the features of the present claimed invention. Thus, it is submitted that claims 1-10 are in a condition suitable for allowance. Reconsideration of the claims and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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